IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/541,246 Confirmation No.: 5820

Applicant(s) : Mark L. Lawrence

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Title : Methods of preparation of live attenuated bacterial vaccine by alteration

of dna adenine methylase (dam) activity in those bacteria

TC/A.U. : 1645

Examiner : Navarro, Albert Mark

Docket No. : 028186.61646

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Amendment and Reply

Dear Commissioner:

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated August 20, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period of three months. Entry of this Amendment and Reply and reconsideration of the rejections in light of the arguments contained in this Amendment and Reply are respectfully requested. Early and favorable action is further requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification – none.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings – none.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An Appendix - None.